

Rejections of Claims 17-21

The method of claim 17 includes "retracting slack in an electrical cord as the mouse is positioned."

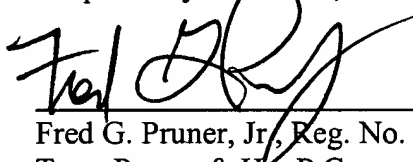
See discussion of claims 1 and 12 above. In particular, Owen neither teaches nor suggests this technique, and for at least this reason, the Assignee requests withdrawal of the rejections of claim 17 and claims 18-21 that depend therefrom.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Assignee requests withdrawal of the §§ 102 and 103 rejections and a favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. The Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional costs associated with this amendment including any extension of time fees and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MICE-0060-00-US).

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